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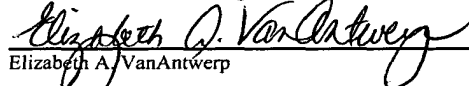
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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-284571 is discussed at page 3, paragraph [0006] of the present specification.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-237782 is discussed at page 2, paragraph [0004] of the present specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,190,295 (Ref. AA).
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-274424 is discussed at page 2, paragraph [0004] of the present specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,283,904 (Ref. AB).

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